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SUBJECT: SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: STATE 50428 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT REQUEST FOR FLAGSHIP VISIT IN MAY BE FOR SPLIT RATHER THAN FOR DUBROVNIK. THIS IS NOT TO AVOID BACK-TO-BACK ASPECT (DUE THIS MONTH'S VISIT BY DAVIS AND BEARY TO DUBROVNIK) BUT BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER IMPACT ON YUGOSLAVS WHICH FLAGSHIP VISIT WOULD HAVE IN LARGER INDUSTRIAL PORT CITY OF SPLIT. FURTHERMORE, SPLIT IS HEADQUARTERS OF OPDTATIONAL FLEET AND WOULD PROVIDE US WITH BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVY CONTACT-BUILDING. (YOU WILL RECALL COMMANDER SOVIET BLACK SEA FLEET CALLED AT SPLIT IN SEPTEMBER 1973).

2. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT SPRINGFIELD'S LAST VISIT TO
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YUGOSLAVIA WAS TO DUBROVNIK (JUNE 1972) AND THAT ITS CALL AT SPLIT

PLANNED FOR MAY 1973 HAD TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING
OPERATIONAL LEVY PLACED ON FLAGSHIP.
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